COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, *the* *29th of July 1929.*
14th of Karkadagam 1104.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, P. C. Chanchan, A. G. Menon, S. S. Koder, T. K. Nayar, K. Mohamed Seethi, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar and A. R. Menon were absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

Rama Varmha Tampuran and Mr. K. Ramunni Menon took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening spech by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Cochin Legislative Council.—I stand before you at the commencement of the 5th Budget Session of the Cochin Legislative Council to extend to you all a hearty welcome and seek your permission to say a few words on this important occasion. It was my great privilege to take an active part in all the three budget sittings of the First Council, and I have a vivid recollection of the lively discussions carried on at those sittings in respect of various matters of administrative importance. In regard to the first Budget Session of the present Council, the fourth Budget Session of the Cochin Legislative Council, I had occasion to make a reference to it in one of the previous meetings though I was prevented from taking any part in it. In declaring this, the second Budget Session of this Second Council, open for business, I hope and trust that I can count upon the usual hearty and willing co-operation of one and all of you in conducting the responsible business of the session in a fitting manner.

The first matter I wish to touch upon is the recent floods in our State, and I believe that a reference to the same will not be inappropriate on an occasion like the present one. I, therefore, seek your indulgence to make a short statement thereon. The south-west monsoon conditions of this year were in the beginning very promising, and the *Tiruvathira Nattuvela* was more or less ideal with alternate rain and sunshine. We were just having the requisite rainfall, and the agricultural prospects were exceedingly good. Soon after the *Tiruvathira Nattuvela* left us, to be more precise, on Saturday, the 22nd Mithunam last, there was an unexpected rise of water in the Karuvannur

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